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CHEROKEE FROM HABIB AND HUMMEL

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SUBJECT: SCHLESINGER VISIT TO PRC

1. WE HAVE EXAMINED, AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO SO, A VARIETY OF STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR MESSAGE, TO GIVE THE CHINESE THE DESIRED SIGNALS IN REACTION TO THE SCHLESINGER EPISODE AND OTHER PRC ATTITUDES. WE DO AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR GATES' BASIC ASSESSMENT THAT THE CHINESE HANDLING OF THE SCHLESINGER VISIT WAS POINTED MORE AT THE SOVIETS THAN AT THE UNITED STATES AND YOURSELF, BUT WE ALSO AGREE WITH YOU THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO TO GET THE MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE THAT WE CANNOT BE TOTALLY PASSIVE BEFORE THESE AFFRONTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION. THERE IS, OF COURSE, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CHINESE WILL RELATE ANY OF OUR ACTIONS TO THE SCHLESINGER AFFAIR UNLESS WE MAKE THE LINKAGE FOR THEM IN SOME WAY.

2. YOU ARE AWARE THAT NO QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHLESINGER HAVE
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COME UP AT EITHER THE WHITE HOUSE OR THE DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS SINCE YOUR MESSAGE TO SCOWCROFT.

3. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR US-CHINA RELATIONS IS SPONSORING A LUNCH OCTOBER 7 AT WHICH SCHLESINGER WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT STATE REPRESENTATIVES DECLINE INVITATIONS TO THIS LUNCH.

4. WE WILL NEED TO DISCUSS OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES AFTER YOUR RETURN, BUT WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS ON WHICH WE NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE.

5. CDC COMPUTER. WE ARE CLOSE TO RESOLVING THE BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS FLOWING FROM THE SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS AND MAY BE IN A POSITION BY THIS WEEKEND TO GO TO THE NSC WITH REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO NSDM 247, WHICH WOULD THEN PERMIT US TO TAKE THE LAST STEPS, INCLUDING HUMMEL'S APPROACH TO HAN HSU. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE CHINESE SUMMONED CDC REPRESENTATIVES TO PEKING TO PRESS CDC TO FISH OR CUT BAIT. CDC, AT OUR INSTIGATION, POSTPONED THE VISIT FROM THIS MONTH TO OCTOBER 11; IN DOING SO, CDC APPARENTLY TOLD THE CHINESE THEY HOPED TO COME WITH "FAVORABLE" NEWS. IN ACCEPTING THE POSTPONEMENT, THE CHINESE POINTEDLY UNDERLINED THEIR EXPECTATION OF "FAVORABLE" NEWS. IT WILL BE AN UNPLEASANT BUSINESS TO TELL THE CDC, WHO WILL FEEL IT HAS BEEN LED DOWN THE GARDEN PATH, THAT WE CANNOT, AFTER ALL, PERMIT THE COMPUTER SALE, AND THE CHINESE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL REACT BADLY TOWARDS CDC. BUT IF WE ARE TO GIVE NEGATIVE SIGNALS IN OTHER AREAS, IT WOULD CONFUSE THE SIGNALS IF WE LET THE CHINESE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THE EXCEPTIONAL STEP OF PERMITTING THE CDC COMPUTER SALE. IF WE ARE GOING TO BE CONSISTENT, THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD CALL A HALT TO THE CDC EFFORT, AND THAT AFTER INFORMING OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES THAT STATE HAS CHANGED ITS MIND (WITHOUT MENTIONING THE SCHLESINGER AFFAIR), WE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE CDC THAT WE CANNOT APPROVE THE SALE. WE SHOULD ALSO, OF COURSE, CANCEL PLANS FOR HUMMEL'S MEETING WITH HAN HSU TO TALK ABOUT THE CDC COMPUTER. WE NEED YOUR DECISION ON THIS.

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6. CHINESE VOLLEYBALL TEAMS. THE PRC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAMS WILL HOLD THEIR WASHINGTON AREA MATCHES OCTOBER 7. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS, THE SPONSORING HOST, HAS INVITED SOME THIRTY USG OFFICIALS, RANGING FROM THE PRESIDENT DOWN, TO THE MATCH AND A RECEPTION AFTERWARD. CUIS JOHN RICHARDSON WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TO ATTEND THE COMPARABLE SOFTBALL MATCH LAST WINTER. THE PRESIDENT,

YOU WILL RECALL, DID RECEIVE THE CHINESE SOFTBALL TEAM AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WE NEED YOUR GUIDANCE ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT MATCH AND RECEPTION. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO LIMIT THE LEVEL OF US OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE MATCH AND RECEPTION TO JOHN RICHARDSON, OSCAR ARMSTRONG AND PERHAPS BILL GLEYSTEN, PLUS A LIMITED NUMBER OF SUBORDINATES.

B. WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT WILL BE OUT OF TOWN WHILE THE VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ARE IN THE AREA, THE WHITE HOUSE IS STILL CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE TEAMS BEING RECEIVED BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FORD FAMILY. IF YOU HAVE VIEWS ON THIS, WE WILL CONVEY THEM TO SCOWCROFT.

7. OCTOBER 1. YOU ATTENDED THE CHINESE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION IN NEW YORK LAST YEAR, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL ATTENDED PRCLO'S RECEPTION HERE. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG ATTENDED USLO'S BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION THIS JULY.

A. YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON THIS OCTOBER 1. YOU COULD DECLINE THE PRCLO RECEPTION, HAVING IN MIND THAT THIS WOULD BE WELL-NOTED BY THE PRESS AND OTHERS HERE. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND, AT WHAT LEVEL DO YOU WANT US REPRESENTED HERE: ROBINSON, HABIB OR HUMMEL?

B. THERE MAY WELL BE SEVERAL OTHER CABINET MEMBERS (E.G. RICHARDSON, BUTZ) AND THEIR SUBORDINATES WHO WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND. DO YOU WANT TO PRESS THEM TO DECLINE?

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C. AMBASSADOR SCRANTON, HAVING IN MIND HIS WORKING RELATIONS WITH HUANG HUA, MAY WANT TO ATTEND THE PRC RECEPTION IN NEW YORK. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO MAY BE PRINCIPAL HOST IN NEW YORK. AT WHAT LEVEL DO YOU WANT US REPRESENTED AT THE NEW YORK RECEPTION: SCRANTON, BENNETT, A LOWER-LEVEL US DELEGATION MEMBER? ROBINSON

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